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WFA NETS \$7,000,000 FROM
FOODS SOLD IN JULY, AUGUST

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21---Over \$7,000,000 worth of food was sold by the

War Food Administration during July and August from government reserves of food-stuffs not immediately needed for war requirements, bought to support producer prices, or released in the process of turning stocks.

Charles W. Smith, western regional WFA director of food distribution, said today that eggs were the principal product sold during the two months, accounting for 57 percent of the total sales of \$7,095,862. or more than four million dollars. The eggs were bought by WFA during the heavy production season to support prices to farmers, as directed by Congress.

Of the remaining foods sold, canned and dried fruits and vegetables made up 20 percent of the sales, meat 3 percent, grain products 7 percent, fats and oils 1 percent, and a variety of commodities including canned salmon, coffee beans and sugar another 10 percent. Meat involved was chiefly of utility grade beef sold to the trade in New York and other northeastern cities, Smith said.

All of the government-held foods except eggs and small out-of-condition or out-of-position lots were offered for sale first to their original processors and packers. Remaining quantities were then offered to processors of the same commodity, and in some cases to wholesalers. Smith said this re-distribution procedure followed standard WFA practice of using established trade channels and protecting markets from "dumping."

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FOODS OFFERED FOR SALE---The War Food Administration today offered to sell 600,000 bags of dry edible beans, 1,498 bags of pea flour, and more than 1,347 tons of 1942-crop raisins.

Although the WFA does not have a surplus of dry beans, spokesmen said, it is offering an initial lot of 600,000 hundred-pound bags to meet civilian
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needs until adequate supplies are available from the new crop. The beans are U.S. No. 1 and No. 2 grades of the 1942 and 1943 crops, and may be bought by shippers, processors or dealers in 800-bag, single-variety cartlots. This is the same basis on which the beans were bought by WFA. Closing date for offers to buy is September 30. Inquiries should be addressed to Thomas R. Mylott, Sales Division, WFA Office of Distribution, Washington 25, D. C.

The 1,498 hundred-pound bags of pea flour are for sale to feed millers and grain merchants for livestock and poultry feed. The flour was made as an experiment to find uses for dry wrinkled beans bought under the WFA price support program. Tests showed the flour unfit for human consumption, but suitable for mixing with animal feed. The flour is located at Chicago.

Following a previous offer to original packers, about 1,347 tons of seeded and seedless raisins are now offered for sale by WFA to wholesale grocers, food chain stores, bakery supply houses and other normal trade outlets. The raisins are Thompson seedless and seeded Muscats. They will be sold at processors' 1943 civilian ceiling prices plus freight to present location, with WFA paying freight within a 400 mile radius of each location.

Offers to purchase must be received by the War Food Administration not later than 3 p.m., September 30. All inquiries should be addressed to David S. Ludlum, Sales Division, WFA Office of Distribution, Washington, D. C. The raisins are located and listed for sale as follows:

Cleveland, Ohio -- 30 pound boxes seeded Muscats, one lot of 3200 boxes; 25 pound boxes of Thompson seedless, 13 lots of 3200 boxes each; 30 pound boxes of seeded Muscats, one lot of 3199 boxes; 25 pound boxes of Thompson seedless, one lot of 3198 boxes, one lot of 3165 boxes, one lot of 3199 boxes, one lot of 3195 boxes.

Albion, New York -- 25 pound boxes of Thompson seedless, one lot of 3180 boxes, one lot of 3148 boxes.

Holley, New York -- 25 pound boxes of Thompson seedless, five lots of 3200 boxes each.

Romney, West Virginia -- 25 pound boxes of Thompson seedless, in two lots of 3200 boxes each.

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WFA CANNED FOOD PAYMENT PROGRAM EXTENDED---The WFA equalization payment program for certain canned vegetables has been amended to cover canned green pea soup and canned tomato soup made from fresh green peas and fresh tomatoes, according to Donald E. Wilcox, regional supervisor of the WFA Office of Distribution fruit and vegetable branch.

Payments will be made to certified canners on the basis of eligible sales of designated vegetables, and designated canned foods produced therefrom, which are made from March 1, 1944 to April 30, 1945, inclusive.

Details of the amended agreement between canners and the Commodity Credit Corporation and the method of applying for payment will be available soon, spokesmen said. General inquiries may be addressed to the Vegetable Marketing Division, Fruit and Vegetable Branch of the WFA Office of Distribution, Washington 25, D. C.

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WINE MAKERS MAY USE CONCORDS---WFA has removed restrictions on the use of Concord grapes for manufacture of alcoholic products containing 7 percent or more alcohol by volume, under an amendment to War Food Order 69.2 effective September 20.

Under WFO 69.2 each winery was limited to use of a quantity of Concord grapes not exceeding 80 percent of the amount made into wine and similar products during the 1942 season. The new action removes this limitation.

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WFA OFFERS CANNED PEAS---The War Food Administration will sell original processors 119,148 cases of canned peas, 24 No. 2 cans to the case, and 11,967 cases packed 6 No. 10 cans to the case.

This is an initial offer on approximately 555,000 cases of peas being released from government holdings to the civilian trade because they are no longer needed for war agency requirements. Additional quantities will be released as soon as condition and grade have been determined.

Among the original vendors receiving offers of sale are the California Packing Corporation, San Francisco (1,835 cases), and the Idaho Canning Company, Payette, Idaho (8,068 cases).

Offers to buy must be received not later than September 28. Information is available from Fenton Albright, Sales Division, WFA Office of Distribution, Washington 25, D. C.

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